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SUBJECT: POSTAL NEGOTIATIONS RESUME

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1. CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS (CUPW) EXECUTIVE BOARD DECIDED DURING WEEKEND MEETING TO AUTHORIZE NATIONAL LEADERS TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS WITH POST OFFICE. IF NO AGREEMENT ON INTRODUCTION OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGES CAN BE REACHED CUPW LEADERSHIP WAS GIVEN EXECUTIVE BOARD PERMISSION TO CALL STRIKE.

2. RECENTLY-APPOINTED POSTMASTER GENERAL JEAN-JACQUES BLAIS PARTICIPATED IN BRIEF, INCONCLUSIVE NEGOTIATING SESSION DECEMBER 6 FOR FIRST TIME. BLAIS HAD PREVIOUSLY TAKEN POSITION THAT "AS POLITICIAN, NOT A LABOR RELATIONS EXPERT" HE SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED IN ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS. CUPW'S KNOWN DISLIKE FOR DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL MACKAY AS CHIEF BARGAINING AGENT PRESUMABLY CAUSED BLAIS TO CHANGE HIS MIND.

3. PRIOR TO DECEMBER 7 NEGOTIATION ROUND, BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT DIFFERENCES CAN BE RESOLVED. BUT, IN VIEW OF LONG-STANDING STRAIN IN POSTAL INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, NO SAFE PREDICTION ON OUTCOME CAN BE MADE AT THIS POINT.

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